UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

Lisa Stolarski,

v. Judith E. Levy
United States District Judge
City of Highland Park, et al.,

Defendants.

Mag. Judge David R. Grand

ORDER DENYING WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS MOOT DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS [8]

Plaintiff Lisa Stolarski filed a complaint on October 27, 2024, against Defendants City of Highland Park, Highland Park City Counsel, and Glenda McDonald. (ECF No. 1.) On January 10, 2025, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6). (ECF No. 8.) Plaintiff then filed an amended complaint exactly twenty-one days later, on January 31, 2025. (ECF No. 10.)

Without expressing any view as to whether the amended complaint cures the purported deficiencies claimed in the motion to dismiss, the Court DENIES WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS MOOT Defendants' motion

to dismiss in light of the filing of the amended complaint. "[A]n amended complaint supersedes all prior complaints." Drake v. City of Detroit, 266 Fed. App'x 444, 448 (6th Cir. 2008). "It follows that 'motions directed at the superseded pleading," such as Defendants' motion here, "generally are to be denied as moot." Nails v. RPI-Section 8 Housing, No. 2:17-cv-13702, 2019 WL 1112381, at *4 (E.D. Mich. Mar. 11, 2019) (quoting Heard v. Strange, 2:17-cv-13904, 2018 WL 4189652, at *2 (E.D. Mich. June 21, 2018)) (collecting cases) report and recommendation adopted, $2018~\mathrm{WL}~4184633$ (E.D. Mich. Aug. 31, 2018); see also Braden v. United States, 817 F.3d 926, 930 (6th Cir. 2016) ("An amended pleading supersedes a former pleading if the amended pleading is complete in itself and does not refer to or adopt a former pleading.") (internal quotation marks omitted).

Plaintiff filed her first amended complaint by right. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B) (a complaint may be amended as of right once within 21 days of the filing of a motion to dismiss). The first amended complaint is complete and makes no reference to the initial complaint. Accordingly, Defendants are directed to file a responsive pleading to the amended complaint within 30 days of this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 6, 2025 Ann Arbor, Michigan <u>s/Judith E. Levy</u> JUDITH E. LEVY United States District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record and any unrepresented parties via the Court's ECF System to their respective email or first-class U.S. mail addresses disclosed on the Notice of Electronic Filing on February 6, 2025.

<u>s/William Barkholz</u> WILLIAM BARKHOLZ Case Manager